

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This invention is in the area of pharmaceutical chemistry, and in particular, is a compound, method and composition for the treatment of flaviviruses and pestiviruses. This application is a continuation of U.S. application no. 09/863,816, filed on May 23, 2001, which claims priority to U.S. provisional application no. 60/207,674, filed on May 26, 2000 and U.S. provisional application no. 60/283,276, filed on April 11, 2001, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--